

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An electric lamp comprising:
a glass lamp vessel which is closed in a gastight manner by means of a seal and which contains an electric element,
current conductors made at least partly from molybdenum and connected to said electric element, which conductors are partly embedded in the seal and at least those portions which are in contact with the atmosphere outside the lamp are provided with means for protection against oxidation, ~~characterized in that~~
wherein the means for protection against oxidation are chosen from the group of materials formed by chromium-manganese, chromium-cobalt, ~~chromium-iron,~~ and chromium-boron alloys.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The electric lamp as claimed in

claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the alloy contains 80 to 99 atom percents of chromium.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The electric lamp as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the alloy contains 94 to 96 atom percents of chromium.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The electric lamp as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the alloy comprises chromium-manganese.

5. (Currently Amended) An electric lamp ~~as claimed in claim 6,~~ characterized in that comprising:

a glass lamp vessel which is closed in a gastight manner by means of a seal and which contains an electric element,

current conductors made at least partly from molybdenum and connected to said electric element, which conductors are partly embedded in the seal and at least those portions which are in contact with the atmosphere outside the lamp are provided with means for protection against oxidation, wherein the means for

protection against oxidation are chosen from the group of materials formed by chromium-manganese, chromium-cobalt, chromium-iron, and chromium-boron alloys, and wherein the coating has a layer thickness of at least 1 μm and at most 6 μm .

6. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The electric lamp as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein the~~ means for protection against oxidation is a coating.

7. (Currently Amended) An electric lamp comprising:
a glass lamp vessel which is closed in a gastight manner by means of a seal and which contains an electric element,
current conductors made at least partly from molybdenum, and connected to said electric element, which conductors are partly embedded in the seal and are partly provided with means for protection against oxidation, means for protection against oxidation being chosen from the group of materials formed by chromium-manganese, chromium-cobalt, chromium-iron, and chromium-boron alloys, ~~characterized in that wherein the~~ alloy contains 80 to 99 atom percents of chromium.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The electric lamp as claimed in
claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the alloy contains 94 to 96
atom percents of chromium.